Illegal and unauthorised sale of grave yards and landed Wakf property in Delhi

932. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the illegal and unauthorised sale of grave yards and landed Wakf property in Delhi;

(b) if so, the total number of such cases of sale during the last three years; and

(c) the details of action taken by Government to stop such illegal transactions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as received.

933. [*Transferred to the 29th November,* 1988.]

Funds for implementation of the NCR plan

934. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided during the current year for the implementation of the National Capital Region (NCR) plan and their allocation, state-wise;

(b) the progress made so far in the implementation of the National Capital Region Plan in its various spheres; and

(c) whether any monitoring of the execution of the Plan and proper utilisation of the funds earmarked in this behalf is being done by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) During the current year, a sum of Rs. 792/- lakhs have been provided in the Central Plan for implementation of Selected Schemes in the NCR. The State-wise allocation is made by the NCR Planning Board depending on the assessed requirements of the participating States.

(c) The monitoring of the execution of the Plan and proper utilisation of the funds earmarked in his behalf is being done by the NCR Planning Board, which is chaired by the Union Urban Development Minister and has representatives of participating States and concerned Union Ministries as members.

Problems faced by the Electric Arc Furnaces

935. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the problems being faced by the Electric Arc Furnaces and Rerolling mills; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken about each problem and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) The viability of some mini steel plants in the country during the last few years has been affected due to their technological obsolescence. Mini Steel Plants have also represented regarding shortage of power and high prices of other inputs. It has been reported that Rerolling Mills are facing some shortage of input materials.

(b) In order to enable the units to become technologically efficient and more viable, Government have decided to allow expansion of mini steel plants which undertake modernisation. Government have also reduced the custom duty on imported scrap by 5 per cent ad valorem with effect from 4th December, 1986. Indigenous availability of rerollable material is not adequate to meet the full requirements of the rerolling industry. In order to meet the overall demand, provisions have been made to import billets in the current year. The rerollers should meet their partial requirements through imports.